CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
REGULAR MEETING

ARPIL 6, 2004

INVOCATION
Pastor Keith Williams from the Life Way Fellowship Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
Councilmember Trujillo led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino.

MEMBERS ABSENT
Councilmember Mariscal

ALSO PRESENT
City Manager Ness, Assistant City Manager Haydon, City Attorney Montandon, Director of Administrative Services Cox, Director of Public Works Karp, Planning Division Manager Bierdzinski, Fire Chief Ortiz, Police Chief Macagni, Parks Services Manager Franklin, Grants Administrator Coelho-Hudson, Utilities Manager Chisam, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Perez.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DAY
Mayor Lavagnino read the proclamation declaring Wednesday, April 14, 2004 as "Santa Maria Police Department's Volunteer Recognition Day" in the City of Santa Maria recognizing the thirty-five dedicated men and women who have selflessly donated more than 7,548 hours to the Police Department in 2003 and presented the proclamation to Diane Stevens, Police Volunteer.

EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS MONTH
Councilmember Orach read the proclamation declaring the month of April 2004 as "Earthquake Preparedness Month" in the City of Santa Maria, and encouraging Santa Marians to increase their awareness of the proper safety measures to take before, during and after an earthquake, and to assemble an "Earthquake Survival Kit" for their home, work, and car and presented the proclamation to Fire Department Battalion Chief Scott Johnson.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH
Councilmember Patino read the proclamation declaring the month of April 2004 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in the City of Santa Maria and encouraging citizens to participate in the effort to eliminate sexual assault from our City and presented the proclamation to Ethel Landers, North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
Councilmember Trujillo read the proclamation declaring the month of April 2004 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in the City of Santa Maria, and encouraging residents to become aware of and support local child abuse prevention programs and presented the proclamation to Ethel Landers, North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center.

FAIR HOUSING MONTH
Councilmember Orach read the proclamation declaring the month of April 2004 as "Fair Housing Month" in the City of Santa Maria and expressing hope that this observance will assist in the continuance of equal housing opportunities for all citizens of Santa Maria and presented the proclamation to Yvonne Cudney, Santa Maria Legal Aid.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Mayor Lavagnino announced he had requests to pull items 2B, 2I, 2J, and 2L for comment or discussion.

Laurie Tamura spoke on Item 2B, Minutes of March 2, 2004, and indicated she had reviewed the tape of the meeting, discussed the minutes with City Manager Ness, and was not asking for any changes to be made. She commended staff for its cooperation in working with her to develop alternatives for the Mabel Dias property, and she would be submitting revised plans in the near future.

Ernest Armenta spoke on Item 2B, Minutes of March 16, 2004, and indicated he was disappointed by the comments made at the last Council meeting by Mr. Barry Sigma when he spoke about food vendors and denigrated Mexicans.. He said he hoped the Mayor would not let anyone put down any racial groups.

Mayor Lavagnino spoke on Item 2I, award of contract for the North Blosser Road Bridges at Donovan Road and Cox Lane, and asked if this would improve the drainage problem at DeJoy.

Director of Public Works Karp replied it would significantly improve the problem.

Mayor Lavagnino spoke on Item 2J, waiver of fitness center use fees for adults 65 years of age and older at the Abel Maldonado Community Youth Center, and explained that this was brought to the City's attention by a senior citizen who uses the fitness center. The citizen felt that since the youth of the community were able to use the facilities free of charge, seniors should be able to as well.

Mayor Lavagnino spoke on Item 2L, an easement agreement for use of the Bradley Flood Control Basin for public park purposes, and asked if a design plan had been formulated yet and was available for the public to see. He also asked when construction would start.

Parks Services Manager Franklin explained that a design plan was available and a public meeting had been held about two years ago. The City hoped to go out to bid for construction this month.

Consent Calendar Items A through L, were accepted, approved with the indicated action, and ordered ratified on motion by Councilmember Patino, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Councilmember Mariscal
ABSTAIN:	None

A. ORDINANCES
Recommendation of City Staff to waive the reading in full of all ordinances. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicates otherwise.

B. MINUTES
The Minutes of the Regular City Council Meetings of March 2, and March 16, 2004 were approved as submitted.

C. RELEASE OF BOND
Faithful Performance Bond for installation of public landscaping and irrigation improvements along Miller Street in the amount of $20,000 for Oak Creek Condominiums, Tract 5810, was authorized for release with the order that the Contractor, Labor and Material Bond and Planting and Irrigation Maintenance Bond be held for six months and one year respectively.

D. WARRANTS.
Warrant Nos. 111417 to 111882 in the amount of $2,773,681.39 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services. Warrant Nos. 110569, 110963, and 111601 were cancelled.

E. PAYROLL
Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads as shown on records on file in the Administrative Services Department and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

F. DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN
Resolution No. 2004-42 was adopted approving amendments to the City's Hartford 457 Deferred Compensation Plan.
Resolution No. 2004-42 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AND APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S HARTFORD 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN.

G. EXTENSION TO AUDIT SERVICES CONTRACT
Resolution No. 2004-43 was adopted rescinding that portion of Resolution No. 98-42 limiting the term of service for the current auditor and authorizing a one-year extension of the current contract.

Resolution No. 2004-43 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING THAT PORTION OF RESOLUTION 98-42, WHICH LIMITS THE TERM OF SERVICE FOR THE CURRENT AUDITOR; AND AUTHORIZES THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO EXECUTE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE CURRENT CONTRACT FOR AUDIT SERVICES WITH MORELAND AND ASSOCIATES, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS.

H. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
Resolution No. 2004-44 was adopted authorizing the execution of a cooperative agreement with the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for the construction of a 3,800 linear foot 30-inch sewer trunk line adjacent to Highway 166.

Resolution No. 2004-44 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE HIGHWAY 166 30-INCH SEWER TRUNK LINE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

I. AWARD OF BID
Resolution No. 2004-45 was adopted approving an agreement with A. J. Diani Construction Co., Inc. for the North Blosser Road Bridges at Donovan Road and Cox Lane, Bid No. 2004/08, in the amount of $859,406.

Resolution No. 2004-45 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH A. J. DIANI CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE NORTH BLOSSER ROAD BRIDGES AT DONOVAN ROAD AND COX LANE, BID NO. 2004/08.

J. WAIVER OF FEES
Resolution No. 2004-46 was adopted waiving the Fitness Center use fee for adults 65 years of age or older at the Abel Maldonado Community Youth Center.

Resolution No. 2004-46 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE WAIVER OF USER FEES FOR ADULTS 65 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER.

K. INTENT TO ANNEX PROPERTIES
Resolution No. 2004-47 was adopted expressing the Council's intent to annex five (5) parcels into the Northwest, South Miller Street/South College Drive and Southwest Landscape and Lighting Districts.

Resolution No. 2004-47 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, INITIATING PROCEEDINGS AND DECLARING THE INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY TO DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO THE "LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972" (TIMO'S AUTO SALES, SANTA MARIA BUSINESS AND RECORD STORAGE, CERTIFIED TERMITE & PEST CONTROL, GARRISON COURT, AND COYWAY III PARCEL MAP).

L. EASEMENT AGREEMENT
Resolution No. 2004-48 was adopted approving an easement agreement between the City of Santa Maria and the County of Santa Barbara for the use of the area known as Bradley Flood Control Basin for public park purposes.

Resolution No. 2004-48 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA AND THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA TO USE THE COUNTY PROPERTY KNOWN AS "BRADLEY LAKE" FOR PUBLIC PARK PURPOSES.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Lucinda Culpepper spoke regarding the yellow street lights and the lack of illumination for public safety purposes.

James Watson spoke against fluoridation of City water.

Ernest Armenta thanked Director of Recreation and Parks Posada for removing the landscaping on North Broadway, north of Donovan and requested fencing be installed to keep people from jay walking across Broadway. He asked residents over 18 years of age to register to vote, and to vote in the November election. He also spoke against the Public Safety Act proposition being circulated for the November ballot.

City Manager Ness advised the Council that fencing would be installed along North Broadway from Donovan Road to the Big America Hotel.

Amber Rogers spoke in favor of fluoridation of City water.

William Wagener spoke against fluoridation and recommended that all Public, Education and Government (PEG) access monies be placed under the control of the PEG Board.

James Shaffer spoke regarding the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Yellow Cab Company.

Anthony Romero also spoke regarding the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Yellow Cab Company.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM
Mayor Lavagnino announced that the City Council would be discussing the capital projects first because Councilmember Orach had to step down from that item, then HOME projects, and finally public service requests.

Councilmember Orach announced that he had a potential conflict of interest for the capital projects portion of the hearing because he was employed by United Way of the Central Coast which had applied for funding. He left the Council Chambers.

Grants Administrator Coelho-Hudson gave the staff report. The Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, a program that provides state and local governments with funds to address a variety of complex physical, economic and social

needs in the community, has been in existence for 30 years. The program is very flexible and allows local discretion as to how the funds may be used provided the specific activities meet one of the three national objectives: to primarily benefit low and moderate income persons; to prevent or eliminate slums or blight; or to meet a particularly urgent community-wide need, such as caused by a major catastrophic event. For fiscal year 2004-2005, the City anticipates receiving $1,529,000 in CDBG entitlement funds and $60,000 in program income under its revolving loan fund programs. Of these amounts, $229,350 will be available for public service and $993,850 will be available for capital development projects. In addition, as part of a consortium with the County, the City will be eligible for $444,607 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds.

The Block Grants Advisory Committee conducted a public workshop on December 1, 2003, to discuss general needs in the community. Based on the information and data provided by the presenters and the audience at large, the main issues were identified. For the second year, the Advisory Committee divided into five subcommittees of three committee members each and conducted an in-depth review and on-site visits of all the applications received for funding. The site visits were done in lieu of the applicants making presentations to the Committee at several public hearings as was done in the past. A special Advisory Committee meeting was held on March 25, 2004, at which time each subcommittee reported the findings of their site visits and formulated its recommendation for City Council approval. The Committee evaluated and ranked the proposals by applying the adopted priorities as an overlay to the Federal Guidelines for Eligibility and the Additional City Criteria for CDBG Public Service Funding. The Committee evaluated each application and by consensus determined a priority of high, medium or low based on those priorities, guidelines and criteria. Also, the Committee included in its deliberations the City Council's directive to allocate $500,000 annually for three years for construction of the new City Public Library. In addition, the Committee gave funding priority to those programs and/or projects that address the Families For the First Decade strategies as directed by the City Council. Due to the limited funding available, only high priority projects or programs were recommended for funding. Special emphasis was placed on those that prevent homelessness, address basic human necessities and critical emergency needs, assist persons with special needs, expand educational opportunities, provide affordable housing, and promote the Families For the First Decade strategies.

Mayor Lavagnino opened the public hearing.

Capital Projects

Jeanette Nadeam, Foodbank of Santa Barbara County, thanked the Block Grants Advisory Committee for recommending them for funding and asked the Council to approve the allocation.

Frank Ricceri, Transitions – Mental Health Association, asked the Council to support and uphold the recommendations of the Block Grants Advisory Committee.

Cheryl Waller, United Way of the Central Coast, spoke in support of all the funding recommendations by the Block Grants Advisory Committee.

Karen Nuno spoke regarding the need to provide additional housing for persons with mental illness who can care for themselves.

Resolution No. 2004-49 was adopted on motion by Councilmember Patino, second by Councilmember Trujillo, and carried on the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Councilmember Mariscal, Orach
ABSTAIN:	None

awarding funding to the following:

Food Bank of Santa Barbara County new warehouse facility	$220,000
Good Samaritan Shelter new dining/kitchen facility	$220,000
Transitions-Mental Health Association rehabilitation of residences	$ 53,850
City of Santa Maria Public Library	$500,000
Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program	$ 20,000
Economic Development Program	$ 40,000
General Administration	$305,800

Resolution No. 2004-49 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 FEDERAL FUNDING.

Councilmember Orach returned to the Council dais at this time.

HOME Investment Partnership Program

John Polanskey, Housing Authority of Santa Barbara County, spoke in support of the Block Grants Advisory Committee's funding recommendation.

Sylvia Barnard, Good Samaritan Shelter, thanked the City Council for previous support of the facility and supported the Block Grants Advisory Committee's recommendations for additional funding.

William Wagener spoke in opposition to the Community Development Block Grant program and the federal government taking tax dollars from hard-working Americans to give to politicians to buy off special interest groups.

Resolution No. 2004-50 was adopted on motion by Councilmember Trujillo, second by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Councilmember Mariscal
ABSTAIN:	None

awarding funding to the following:

Good Samaritan Shelter, Inc. construction of apartments/permanent affordable housing for homeless families	$200,000
Housing Authority Central Plaza Apartments	$244,607

Resolution No. 2004-50 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ACTIVITIES UNDER THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 FEDERAL FUNDING.

Public Service Activities

David Coelho, Catholic Charities, spoke in favor of the Block Grants Advisory Committee's recommendations.

Rita Madden, Community Action Committee Senior Nutrition Program, thanked the Block Grants Advisory Committee for supporting their program but indicated they received the largest cut in funding.

Teresa Menchaca, Santa Maria Teen Court, stated this was the first time they had been recommended for funding and really appreciated the support.

Rebecca Robertson, Domestic Violence Solutions, spoke in support of the funding recommendation for the Women's Shelter and asked the Council to reconsider funding the Mariposa House which was not recommended for funding.

Jennifer Griffin, Candace Ridenaur, Leeman Burke, Tina Burke, and John Maciel, all spoke in support of the Independent Living Resource Center, and asked the Council to consider their funding request.

Audrie Krause, Legal Aid Foundation, asked the Council to approve the Block Grants Advisory Committee's recommendations for funding.

Shannon Rose Chavez, North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center, commended and thanked the Block Grants Advisory Committee for their hard work.

Laura Mohajer, Women's Economic Ventures, acknowledged the hard work of the Block Grants Advisory Committee and asked for the Council's support of their program either now or in the future since they were not recommended for funding.

Jim Talbott, SMOOTH, Inc., spoke in favor of the allocations being recommended by the Block Grants Advisory Committee.

William Wagener again spoke in opposition to taxpayers' money being given to politicians to distribute. He said he had nothing against the organizations, but thought they should be going to local businesses for support.

Renee Hoskinson, Community Partners in Caring, spoke in support of the Block Grants Advisory Committee's recommendation allocations.

Hearing no further testimony, Mayor Lavagnino closed the public hearing.

Resolution No. 2004-51 was adopted on motion by Councilmember Orach, second by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Councilmember Mariscal
ABSTAIN:	None

awarding funding to the following:

Catholic Charities	$20,000
Center for Employment Training (Housing Assistance)	$10,000
Central Coast Literacy Council	$15,000
City of Santa Maria/Families For the First Decade Project	$21,000
Community Action Commission/Senior Nutrition	$ 5,000
Community Partners in Caring/Interfaith Volunteer Caregiver Program	$ 7,500
Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse/Teen Court	$ 8,350
Domestic Violence Solutions/Emergency Shelter	$10,000
Foodbank of Santa Barbara County/Brown Bag Program	$ 7,500
Good Samaritan Shelter/Emergency & Transitional Shelter Programs	$20,000
Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County	$15,000
Marian Residence Lifeline	$ 9,000
North County Rape Crisis & Child Protection Center	$ 7,500
Santa Barbara County Probation Dept/Youth Shelter Care	$12,000
Santa Maria Independent Living Environment (SMILE)	$15,000
Santa Maria Organization of Transportation Helpers/Prenatal	$ 3,000
Santa Maria Organization of Transportation Helpers/Senior Transportation	$ 4,000
Santa Maria Valley FISH Meals On Wheels	$11,500
Santa Maria Valley Youth and Family Center	$10,000
The Salvation Army	$18,000

Resolution No. 2004-51 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 FEDERAL FUNDING.

Mayor Lavagnino and each member of the City Council thanked the Block Grants Advisory Committee for their hard work and dedication.

RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY FOR PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Utilities Manager Chisam gave the staff report. On March 4, 2003, the Council adopted a resolution approving the Utilities Master Plan Update for Water and Sewer Utilities. In the plan, several alternatives were considered to accommodate future wastewater disposal needs. The preferred alternative recommended in the study was to acquire additional property adjacent to the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Apio Land Development Company owns approximately 240 acres adjacent to the WWTP. The property owner has indicated a willingness to consider an offer from the City to purchase the property for WWTP expansion. Staff believes that an agreement can be reached that will be acceptable to both the City and the landowner through further negotiation. The adoption of the Resolution of Necessity will allow the City to acquire the property for public use through the exercise of the power of eminent domain. Property sales that are completed under the threat of eminent domain are generally considered advantageous for property owners. The process enables the property owner to extend reinvestment of the property sale proceeds for up to three (3) years without incurring tax penalties. The property owner would like to expedite the negotiation process and close escrow as quickly as possible. Staff anticipates presentation of the final purchase agreement and budget appropriation for City Council consideration and approval at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Lavagnino opened the public hearing.

William Wagener recommended the City Council approve the resolution. He expressed concerns about fluoride getting into the percolation ponds.
Hearing no further testimony, Mayor Lavagnino closed the public hearing.

Resolution No. 2004-52 was adopted on motion by Councilmember Orach, second by Councilmember Trujillo, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Mariscal
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2004-51 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA FOR PROPERTY ACQUISITION (APIO LAND COMPANY APN 117-191-010, APN 117-191-013, AND APN 117-820-002) FOR EXPANSION OF PERCOLATION PONDS ADJACENT TO THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT; TO CONDEMN REAL PROPERTY; MAKE FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS; AUTHORIZE EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS AND APPLICATIONS FOR POSSESSION PRIOR TO JUDGEMENT; DRAW AND DEPOSIT WARRANT.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO CITATION AUTHORITY

Parks Services Manager Franklin gave the staff report. At its March 16, 2004, meeting, the Council adopted a resolution establishing the Park Services Officer Program in the Recreation and Parks Department. As part of his/her duties, the Park Services Officer will enforce those provisions of the Municipal Code that the City Council deems appropriate for the position. The proposed ordinance would authorize the Parks Services Officer to issue citations for violations of the Santa Maria Municipal Code and extends the authority to the entire Municipal Code to avoid multiple amendments in the future.

Mayor Lavagnino asked if the Park Services Officer would be a sworn officer and be armed.

Mr. Franklin explained the Park Services Officer would not be a sworn officer or carry a gun, but would participate in training through the Police Department.

Ordinance No. 2004-05 was introduced by title only for first reading and continued to the next meeting for second reading and adoption on motion by Councilmember Patino, second by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Mariscal
ABSTAIN: None

Ordinance No. 2004-05 introduced. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA AMENDING SECTION 1-7.02 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO CITATION AUTHORITY FOR PARK SERVICES OFFICERS.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER
City Manager Ness reported on items for the April 20, 2004, City Council meeting including presentation of the Tree City USA award to the City for the 24th year, four public hearings to consider the Hagerman Sports Complex Annexation, Annual Weed Abatement Protests, Measure D 5-Year Plan, and Stowell Gap surplus property abandonment, and the Santa Maria River Recreational Trail that was continued from a previous meeting.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS
Councilmember Trujillo announced that he would be running for reelection of his City Council seat.

Councilmember Orach also announced he would be running again.

Councilmember Patino reported on the Cesar Chavez Day celebration at Preisker Park.

Mayor Lavagnino indicated he would be supporting Councilmembers Orach and Trujillo in their bid for reelection and thought the current Council was a very good team.

CLOSED SESSION
The City Council recessed at 8:50 p.m. to a Closed Session for Conference with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation pursuant to Subsection (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9 to discuss Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District v. City of Santa Maria.

Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District v. City of Santa Maria – Status report. Direction to staff.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:37 p.m. by order of Mayor Lavagnino.

APPROVED April 20, 2004
Date

Patricia A. Price
Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex-officio Clerk of the City Council

ATTEST: Patricia A. Price
Chief Deputy City Clerk

S. Lavagnino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria